- (5) our check in the amount of \$860.00, covering the basic national fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(a)(5) and based on the first Preliminary Amendment.
- A Second Preliminary Amendment. (6)

Copies of the following miscellaneous items are also enclosed:

- (7) Copy of the 3 page Demand for International Preliminary Examination.
- Copy of the 7 page Written Opinion. (8)
- Copy of the 6 page Response to the Written Opinion. (9)
- Copy of the 9 page International Preliminary Examination (10)Report.
- Copy of the 1 page Notification of the Recording of a Change. (11)

The Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form will be filed by the appropriate deadline under 37 CFR §1.495(c)(2) with the surcharge under 37 CFR §1.492(e).

Please charge any additional fees which may be required to effect entry into the National Phase and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-3040.

Please direct all communications concerning this application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371:

- (1) This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)).
- (2) A copy of the cover sheet for the published International Application along with a copy of the specification as filed: 22 pages, including 2 pages of claims, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the 3 page International Search Report.
- (3) a copy of the 4 page Request form.
- (4) a first Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to calculation of the filing fees.

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